

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, March 8, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Frank Richardson, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

In these moments of quiet reflection, help us, God, to discern Your will for us as representatives of this Nation, as citizens of the world, and as sons and daughters of Your universe. May the light of this new day not be darkened by past jealousies, hidden resentments or moments when privilege is sought and duty forgotten. Instead, may we be mindful of the holiness that resides within us. Encourage us to build bridges rather than barriers in our relationships. Dispense through us a compassionate concern for Your creation. Use our talents for the betterment of the global community. And, God, when night is near, may You be able to say to each Member of this House on the Hill, "Well done, my faithful servant." Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1000, WENDELL H. FORD AVIATION INVESTMENT AND REFORM ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Mr. SHUSTER submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1000) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes:

### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-513)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1000), to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation

Administration, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Amendments to title 49, United States Code.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

Sec. 4. Definitions.

### TITLE I—AIRPORT AND AIRWAY IMPROVEMENTS

#### Subtitle A—Funding

Sec. 101. Airport improvement program.

Sec. 102. Airway facilities improvement program.

Sec. 103. FAA operations.

Sec. 104. AIP formula changes.

Sec. 105. Passenger facility fees.

Sec. 106. Funding for aviation programs.

Sec. 107. Adjustment to AIP program funding.

Sec. 108. Reprogramming notification requirement.

#### Subtitle B—Airport Development

Sec. 121. Runway incursion prevention devices and emergency call boxes.

Sec. 122. Windshear detection equipment and adjustable lighting extensions.

Sec. 123. Pavement maintenance.

Sec. 124. Enhanced vision technologies.

Sec. 125. Public notice before waiver with respect to land.

Sec. 126. Matching share.

Sec. 127. Letters of intent.

Sec. 128. Grants from small airport fund.

Sec. 129. Discretionary use of unused apportionments.

Sec. 130. Designating current and former military airports.

Sec. 131. Contract tower cost-sharing.

Sec. 132. Innovative use of airport grant funds.

Sec. 133. Inherently low-emission airport vehicle pilot program.

Sec. 134. Airport security program.

Sec. 135. Technical amendments.

Sec. 136. Conveyances of airport property for public airports.

Sec. 137. Intermodal connections.

Sec. 138. State block grant program.

Sec. 139. Design-build contracting.

#### Subtitle C—Miscellaneous

Sec. 151. Treatment of certain facilities as airport-related projects.

Sec. 152. Terminal development costs.

Sec. 153. Continuation of ILS inventory program.

Sec. 154. Aircraft noise primarily caused by military aircraft.

Sec. 155. Competition plans.

Sec. 156. Alaska rural aviation improvement.

Sec. 157. Use of recycled materials.

Sec. 158. Construction of runways.

Sec. 159. Notice of grants.

Sec. 160. Airfield pavement conditions.

Sec. 161. Report on efforts to implement capacity enhancements.

Sec. 162. Prioritization of discretionary projects.

Sec. 163. Continuation of reports.

### TITLE II—AIRLINE SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Subtitle A—Small Communities

Sec. 201. Policy for air service to rural areas.

Sec. 202. Waiver of local contribution.

Sec. 203. Improved air carrier service to airports not receiving sufficient service.

Sec. 204. Preservation of essential air service at single carrier dominated hub airports.

Sec. 205. Determination of distance from hub airport.

Sec. 206. Report on essential air service.

Sec. 207. Marketing practices.

Sec. 208. Definition of eligible place.

Sec. 209. Maintaining the integrity of the essential air service program.

Sec. 210. Regional jet service for small communities.

#### Subtitle B—Airline Customer Service

Sec. 221. Consumer notification of E-ticket expiration dates.

Sec. 222. Increased penalty for violation of aviation consumer protection laws.

Sec. 223. Funding of enforcement of airline consumer protections.

Sec. 224. Airline customer service reports.

Sec. 225. Increased financial responsibility for lost baggage.

Sec. 226. Comptroller General investigation.

Sec. 227. Airline service quality performance reports.

Sec. 228. National Commission To Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry.

#### Subtitle C—Competition

Sec. 231. Changes in, and phase-out of, slot rules.

### TITLE III—FAA MANAGEMENT REFORM

Sec. 301. Air traffic control system defined.

Sec. 302. Air traffic control oversight.

Sec. 303. Chief Operating Officer.

Sec. 304. Pilot program to permit cost-sharing of air traffic modernization projects.

Sec. 305. Clarification of regulatory approval process.

Sec. 306. Failure to meet rulemaking deadline.

Sec. 307. FAA personnel and acquisition management systems.

Sec. 308. Right to contest adverse personnel actions.

Sec. 309. Independent study of FAA costs and allocations.

Sec. 310. Environmental review of airport improvement projects.

Sec. 311. Cost allocation system.

Sec. 312. Report on modernization of oceanic ATC system.

### TITLE IV—FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Sec. 401. Responsibilities of National Transportation Safety Board.

Sec. 402. Air carrier plans.

Sec. 403. Foreign air carrier plans.

Sec. 404. Death on the high seas.

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